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Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to explain how Inaugural and Annual meetings of the Board of Education are organized.

Policy

1. Inaugural/Annual Meeting

- 1.1 Following the General Election of School Trustees, the date of the Inaugural Meeting shall be determined in accordance with the School Act.
- 1.2 The annual meeting of the continuing Board shall be held in November.
- 1.3 The meeting shall be chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer or designate, until a Chairperson of the Board is elected by secret ballot or by acclamation.

2. The agenda for the Inaugural meeting shall usually be:

- 2.1 a report on the election results;
- 2.2 administration of oath of allegiance and oath of office;
- 2.3 declaration of the composition of the current Board;
- 2.4 election of <u>the</u> Chairperson; (For the election of the Chairperson, the majority vote process will be used.)
- 2.5 appointment of Vice-Chairperson;

 (Two Trustees' names shall be drawn from those who wish to act as Vice-Chairperson during the current year.)

 election of the Vice-Chair;
- 2.6 approval of the agenda;
- 2.7 banking authorization;
- 2.8 cheque signature plate;
- 2.9 election of the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Councilor and Alternate:
- 2.10 election of the BC Public School Employers' Association Representative and Alternate;
- 2.11 election of Board Standing Committee Chairs;
- 2.12 Trustee comments;
- 2.13 setting regular meeting dates and times;



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- 2.14 destroying of the ballots (if any).
- 3. The Board may separate the agenda items between the Inaugural and the first regular public meeting if desired. Items 2.1 2.8 shall be included in the Inaugural meeting and items 2.9 2.14 shall be included in the first regular public meeting of the Board.

4. Annual meeting:

- 4.1 In the years in which no inauguration is required, the agenda shall consist of the items listed in 2.4 2.14 above and shall also include the Chair person's Report.
- 4.2 Appointment of Vice Chairperson: In order that all Trustees, during each four year term, shall be provided with the opportunity to serve on the Coordinating Committee, the following process shall be followed:

 In years two, three and four of the term of office, at the annual meeting, two names shall be drawn from the trustees who have not served as Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson in the current term and wish to act as vice-chairperson. Should a Trustee/Trustees not wish to serve in the vice-chairperson role, and all Trustees who indicated an interest have completed a term as Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson, then all Trustees would be permitted to submit/resubmit their name/names for inclusion in the draw for the position of vice-chairperson.

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